

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Revised Draft Request for Proposals for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services**

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of revised draft request for proposals.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability, within the next two weeks, of a revised draft Request for Proposals (RFP), concerning the acquisition of commercial spent nuclear fuel acceptance and transportation services. The draft RFP was revised to reflect current Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) program plans, and to address a number of comments received from industry, utilities and other interested parties based on the draft RFP dated November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The revised draft will be available on the OCRWM Home Page at the INTERNET address <http://www.rw.doe.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contracting Officer (HR-542), U.S. Dept. of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OCRWM is responsible under NHPA, for accepting and transporting spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from commercial nuclear reactor sites to a federal facility for ultimate disposal. The Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste (10 CFR part 961) details the arrangements between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the owners and generators of SNF (Purchasers) for the Department to accept the SNF at the Purchasers' sites for transport to a federal facility. Section 137(a)(2) of the NHPA requires the utilization of private industry to the "fullest extent possible" in the transportation of SNF.

In May 1996, OCRWM published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 26508) and the *Commerce Business Daily*, a Request for Expression of Interest and Comments on a previous draft Statement of Work for these services. In July 1996, comments were received from interested parties at a presolicitation conference. In December 1996, OCRWM issued a draft RFP that requested comments on all aspects of its proposed contracting approach embodied in that draft document. In February 1997, OCRWM held another presolicitation conference to receive additional comments and questions on the first draft RFP. In December 1997, OCRWM published in

the **Federal Register** (62 FR 63700) and the *Commerce Business Daily* a Request for Comments on a revised draft RFP. Comments were received, reviewed and many were incorporated into the version noticed herein.

The revised draft RFP noticed herein conforms to the plans and schedules in the recently released OCRWM Program Plan (Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program Plan, Rev. 2, July 1998, DOE/RW-0504). Under current plans, a licensed geologic repository could be operational and transportation services could begin in 2010. In the near-term the Program plans to focus its efforts on those activities necessary to reach a repository siting decision, and further work on this RFP will be deferred until the destination is determined and transportation preparation becomes a near-term objective. A siting decision is scheduled for FY 2001. When a siting decision has been made, the program may issue another draft RFP and/or seek additional comments. The Department of Energy is therefore not soliciting comments on this version of the draft RFP at this time.

This Notice should not be construed as a commitment to issue any RFP concerning the subject of this Notice or a final RFP.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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Millennium Pipeline Co., L.P. and Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Meeting Attendance

September 11, 1998.

The environmental staff will attend a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) meeting about the Millennium Project with other federal and state resource agencies on September 23, 1998. The meeting will be in Cortland, New York, at the FWS Office. A memorandum summarizing issues identified during the meeting will be filed in the public record for these dockets.

Information about the meeting may be obtained from: Diane Mann-Klager (FWS) at (607) 753-9334.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Reinvention Criteria Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology's (NACEPT) Reinvention Criteria Committee. NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues.

The NACEPT Reinvention Criteria Committee (RCC) has been asked to help the Agency understand how incentives can be used most successfully to inspire firms, companies, communities, and individuals to go beyond mere compliance with existing regulations and to begin the process of addressing outstanding environmental problems. In particular, the committee is focusing on the following questions:

- What opportunities exist for EPA to use incentives to promote environmental stewardship in industry? In local communities? In the general public?

- How can EPA evaluate the effectiveness of incentives to encourage environmental stewardship that leads to improved environmental results? How can EPA measure the impact that incentives have on public confidence? What criteria should be used to decide whether the use of incentives is appropriate?

- How can the concept of performance ladders be used to tailor incentives most effectively?

This meeting is being held to provide the EPA with perspectives from representatives of state, local, and tribal governments, environmental organizations, academia, industry, and NGOs.

DATES: The RCC will hold a two-day public meeting at the Sheraton City